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The Boulder Creek wildfire on July 2. B.C. WILDFIRE SERVICE

'No plans to cancel' Pemberton fest

EVENTS

The show will go on despite nearby fires, organizers say

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

As wildfires continue to rage out of control near Pemberton, organizers of a massive music festival taking place next weekend say they are confident the show will go on.

The Pemberton Music Festival, now in its second year with New Orleans-based concert promoter HUKA Entertainment as its organizer, takes place July 16-18 and is expected to draw tens of thousands of visitors each day to its location at the foot of Mt. Currie in the Pemberton Valley.

A.J. Niland, CEO of HUKA Entertainment, said this year's four-day festival is expected to draw at least 30,000 people each day.

"Ticket sales are up," he told Metro in early June. "We're going to be much bigger this year than last year."

But as several massive wildfires continue to burn near the Pemberton Valley, some festival ticketholders are worried the event might be cancelled.

Firefighters have been unable to contain a 5,000-hectare wildfire burning 23 kilometres north west of Pemberton Meadows that was first discovered last Tuesday.

Due to gusty winds over the weekend, 120 firefighters and three helicopters have also been unsuccessful in containing a 20,000-hectare wildfire burning 67 kilometres west of Pemberton in the Elaho Valley that was first discovered June 14.

On Monday, HUKA Entertainment said in an emailed statement that the festival is going forward as planned for the time being.

"There are absolutely no plans to cancel the festival at this time," the statement reads. "We are receiving regular updates from authorities, who inform us that the fires are currently far enough away from the festival site that their impact on the event will be minimal, if any.

"However, public safety is our number one concern, and we are monitoring the situation closely for any developments that might affect the festival, our neighbours, or our fans."

There's no word yet on whether HUKA Entertainment will refund tickets if the festival has to be cancelled.

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UBC scientist to investigate happiness of marine mammals

ZOOLOGY

Research could help create new standards of cetacean care

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

If only whales could talk, it would be much easier to determine how mentally and physically healthy they are in captivity.

But as it stands, Canada's scientific community doesn't even have a consistent set of criteria to evaluate the well-being of marine mammals in captivity.

Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums wants to change that. It hired UBC research scientist David Rosen to lead a team in a year-long study to determine a set of criteria for cetacean wellbeing based on input from authorities including veterinarians, animal behaviourists and husbandry experts.

Once it establishes the criteria, it will look at cetaceans' physical environment, including pool size and depth, water quality, levels of food and human interaction to create evidence-based standards of care.

Vancouver Aquarium staff support a baby false killer whale that was found on a beach near Tofino on July 10, 2014. New research by UBC professor David Rosen hopes to uncover optimal standards of care for cetaceans. NEIL FISHER/VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

"I would think most Canadians would be surprised that there are no made-in-Canada standards for how we hold marine mammals," Rosen said Monday. While there are accreditation standards for institutions to follow, Rosen said "there's nothing in Canada that says, if you're keeping a marine mammal, it has to be kept this way."

Rosen's team will try to get information from facilities around North America and the world in order to develop its standards.

"The more variation we can find with the environment they live in, the more we can pinpoint what's working for them and what's not," he said, adding that they also hope to compare captive cetaceans to those living in the wild.

The study comes a year after Vancouver was embroiled in a heated civic debate over the future of captive cetaceans at the Vancouver Aquarium. Rosen, who spoke in favour of the aquarium, said it's hard to have a debate on the welfare of captive cetaceans without measurement standards.

Since Vancouver's debate, Ontario banned breeding, buying or selling killer whales based on a report also authored by Rosen. Such a ban would not affect the Vancouver Aquarium, as it only houses belugas.

Regardless, the aquarium issued a statement in support of Rosen's new study.

The study will "help inform public policy and establish a national set of standards for the care of cetaceans, which we fully support," CEO John Nightingale said in the statement.

CLASSIFICATION

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EMERGENCY

Fires costing B.C. $80M and counting

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

British Columbia is in the midst of its fiercest start to a fire season in memory, says the province’s forests minister.

Steve Thomson says B.C. has already spent more than $80 million fighting 866 wildfires this summer and, with 27 new fires started on Sunday alone, things could get a lot worse.

“I’ve been through the Kelowna fire in 2003 and been through 2010, but this is the earliest start,” said Thomson. “We’re having conditions now that you normally don’t see until later in the summer. This is probably the most challenging situation that we’ve dealt with.”

The government said more than 1,400 firefighters have been deployed to fight forest fires throughout the province, and that B.C. has put out a request for additional resources to other provinces.

On Sunday, 60-year-old BC Wildfire Service contractor John Joe Phare was killed after being struck by a falling tree near Sechelt, where an 80-hectare wildfire still burns.

His death is indicative of the risks facing fire crews at the moment, Thomson said.

There are currently campfire bans in place in all parts of the province, and an air-quality advisory is in effect throughout Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley because of smoke from large fires nearby in the Pemberton area.

Nearly all of the province was classified as a “very high” or “extreme” fire risk on Monday and Thomson said that isn’t likely to change anytime soon.

“We have a very, very challenging situation around the province,” he said. “The weather forecast is not helpful for us as we look forward — continued hot and dry conditions.”

Lori Daniels, associate professor at UBC’s Forest and Conservation Services, said this year’s fire season seems to be two to three weeks ahead of even the most extreme forest-fire seasons on record.

Climate change is a leading factor.

Daniels and her team tracked the number of “very high” and “extreme” fire rating days in each summer since 1971 and found a marked increase in the volume and frequency since 2000.

In Castlegar, there were 77 “extreme” fire-risk days recorded in the 28 years from 1971 to 1999.

From 2000 to 2013, 152 “extreme” days were recorded.

There hasn’t been a summer without at least one “extreme” warning day in Castlegar since 1999, while none were recorded in 17 summers from 1971 to 1999.

Daniels says the number of “high” and “very high” days have also increased accordingly.

She says the numbers and the fierce start to this year’s fire season should serve as a wake-up call for the province.

Communities need to reassess their fire-prevention plans on a more frequent basis, and individuals need to be more diligent in clearing fuels off their properties by landscaping and removing dried leaves and pine needles off their roofs.

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SAFETY

Tips and tricks for reducing health risks

Michael Brauer, of the UBC School of Population and Public Health, offered these tips for staying safe during Metro Vancouver’s air-quality advisory:

1. People, especially those with pre-existing conditions, should avoid physically strenuous activity until the advisory is lifted.

2. Avoid closing all your windows if you don’t have an air conditioner at home unless the smoke is unbearable. The summer heat can be more hazardous than the smoke. If you need to close off your home, cool off in the bath or with damp cloth.

3. Pets should be well hydrated and follow the same guidelines as humans. Walk your dog instead of making it do a hard run.

4. Seek indoor, air-conditioned public spaces.

5. HEPA filters and other air purifiers make a difference, while fans don’t do much to dissipate pollutants.

6. Metro Vancouver also urges people to seek medical attention if symptoms continue to be bothersome.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

METRO VANCOUVER

Air-quality advisory continues

Metro Vancouver says its air-quality advisory will remain in effect until smoke from nearby forest fires dissipates over the region.

The warning was first issued Sunday afternoon because of high concentrations of fine particulate matter.

And while the air quality index had been lowered to two to six on the scale (from 10-plus on Sunday), the regional district’s air-quality planner, Julie Saxton, told Metro the warning would stay in place until weather improves or smoke from the fires blows elsewhere.

Residents can see hourly air-quality updates at airmap.ca and bcairquality.ca, she said.

People with chronic underlying medical conditions, seniors and young children are asked to postpone strenuous activities until the advisory is lifted.

Michael Brauer, of the UBC School of Population and Public Health, said that while Sunday is likely to go down as the region’s most polluted day of the year, the air quality in more polluted cities like Beijing is still four to five times worse.

He said he believes scenes like Sunday, when clouds of smoke smothered much of the Lower Mainland in a deep haze, could be more common due to climate change.

“This could become a more common thing we can expect to see in the future,” he said, as forest fires become more frequent, intense and harder to fight. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Men walk out into Burrard Inlet to fish at the mouth of the Capilano River in West Vancouver, as smoke from wildfires shrouds Stanley Park and downtown Vancouver on Monday.

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DRUG ABUSE

Fentanyl a growing concern: Report

Thandi Fletcher
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A significant increase in the number of fentanyl-related illicit drug overdose deaths in British Columbia has health officials worried about the emerging public health problem.

According to a report published in a recent issue of the B.C. Medical Journal, the powerful synthetic opioid usually prescribed by doctors in patch form to treat severe pain was responsible for 25 per cent of the 336 deaths from illicit drug overdoses in the province last year, up from five per cent in 2012.

That sudden spike has public health officials concerned about the problem continuing to grow out of control, said Dr. Jane Buxton, harm reduction lead at the BC Centre for Disease Control.

"The fact that it's increasing and the fact that people are dying, it's a very real problem," Buxton told Metro. "We've seen in other places where thousands of people have died, so we need to nip it as much as we can before it gets to that extent."

Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times more toxic than other narcotics, and many drug users often aren't aware they are consuming it. Users often don't know if a drug contains fentanyl or how much is present, said Buxton.

"Because there's no quality control, it's very risky because the consumer has no idea what they are getting," she said. "One tablet could contain a huge amount while another tablet could contain very little."

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> Dr. Jane Buxton

ENERGY

Gas plant proposal going to legislature

A blueprint for the largest private-sector investment in British Columbia's history will be presented next week in the provincial legislature.

Finance Minister Mike de Jong made the statement as he announced the deal with Petronas-backed Pacific NorthWest LNG that sets out a ratification process for a proposed $36 billion liquefied natural gas export facility near Prince Rupert.

De Jong says construction of the facility will create up to 4,500 jobs and generate about $9 billion in revenues for the province over a decade, once the facility is in operation.

He says the agreement will include assurances that Pacific NorthWest LNG will not face significant increases in specific taxes, including the LNG income tax, the carbon tax and the natural gas tax credit.

But the minister says the agreement does not protect the company from increases in provincial sales and corporate taxes.

De Jong says project development agreements provide certainty and stability for B.C. and the company.

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Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson, right, Gatineau Mayor Maxime Pedneaud-Jobin, left, and Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson speak to reporters at the FCM conference on June 4 in Edmonton. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Mayors want action on climate change

MUNICIPALITIES

Cities should combat crisis directly: Robertson

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

When it comes to daily problems, Vancouver might not have much in common with Brampton, Ont., or St. John's, N.L., but the cities' mayors all agree that action is needed on climate change.

Mayors from 21 of Canada's biggest cities including Toronto, Calgary and Montreal have passed a resolution with a laundry list of ideas to prevent the worst impacts of climate change ahead of the UN Climate Conference in Paris in December.

The resolution includes supporting binding greenhouse gas emission reductions, developing climate action plans at the municipal level and disclosing municipal greenhouse gas emissions to hold cities accountable.

"Even when other levels of government have been slow to respond, leading cities in Canada and around the world are taking action on climate change — and showing that we can reduce our climate pollution while growing our economies," Mayor Gregor Robertson said in a Monday news release.

As chair of the big city mayors' caucus, Robertson said cities should expand their roles in combating climate change and dealing with the consequences. The mayors also called on the federal government to work with cities and the province to develop a national climate change strategy.

Cities are responsible for 75 per cent of global carbon dioxide emissions, mostly from transportation and buildings, according to estimates from the United Nations Environment Programme.

The mayors' resolution comes as forest fires engulf Metro Vancouver in smoke, a situation that the Sierra Club B.C. credits largely to climate change.

"We can't ignore the elephant in the room any longer — climate change is the driving force behind a number of extremely disturbing trends that threaten our homes, our health, our water, our food and our jobs," the Sierra Club's Caitlyn Vernon said in a statement on Monday, pointing to the forest fires, record dry spells and low reservoir levels.

This organization singled out the province, calling on B.C. to increase and expand its carbon tax, among other actions.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Tonight will be a Pitch Perfect evening to catch a film

Thandi Fletcher
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Time to shake out the picnic blankets and stock up on popcorn, Vancouver.

FreshAirCinema's Summer Cinema series gets underway in Stanley Park on Tuesday evening with a sing-along screening of Pitch Perfect on a four-storey-high inflatable movie screen at the Grand Lawn of Ceperley Meadow near Second Beach.

The summer outdoor film series continues with showings of cult classics including The Breakfast Club, Indiana Jones, Grease, Top Gun, Harry Potter and the Philospher's Stone, Jurassic Park, and Tomorrowland every Tuesday until Aug. 25.

Moviegoers are encouraged to bring picnic blankets and lawn chairs to the park, which can accommodate up to 5,000 people. Anyone who forgets a blanket can buy one at the snack bar.

This year, organizers are also offering a summer date-night package that allows moviegoers to reserve a guaranteed front-row seat in one of 100 reserved Adirondack cottage-style chairs.

Rush seat VIP tickets may also be available on Mondays prior to each screening and are available for purchase at picatic.com, or in person at the park before the show.

All screenings are free and begin at dusk.

IN BRIEF

Rescued couple wishes they could hug searchers

An Ontario couple rescued after spending six days lost in the British Columbia wilderness say they've been through a humbling experience and want to thank the searchers who looked for them.

Rick Moynan and Lynne Carmody say that since they returned home to North Bay, they've heard stories about the large number of volunteers and search teams who dedicated their time.

The couple say they've learned some important lessons about being properly prepared and wish they could hug or shake hands with every person involved in the search.

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SECURITY INFRACTIONS

B.C. panel orders $42M in penalties

Securities regulators in British Columbia have ordered $42 million in penalties against two former Burnaby residents it accused of numerous securities-related infractions, including fraud.

Yan Zhu, also known as Rachel Zhu, and Guan Qiang Zhang, have also been permanently banned from public markets as a result of the offences, which also included illegally distributing securities, withholding information from regulators and instructing their employees and investors to do the same.

In its decision announced Monday, the British Columbia Securities Commission also fined and permanently cease-traded Bossteam E-Commerce, the company co-founded by Zhu and Zhang.

Bossteam described itself on its websites, in documents and in presentations as an online advertising business. A primary part of the business was its website with platforms, including one where advertisers could post links to their own web pages as advertising to be viewed by others.

The securities commission panel said that Zhu, Zhang and Bossteam committed fraud when they created the false impression among investors in Bossteam that well-known local and international businesses were paying Bossteam to advertise on its websites.

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STUDIES

Insects may have emotions

If you knew that pesky fly buzzing around your kitchen had feelings, would you still swat it?

According to a post on BrainBlogger.com, a number of recent studies show insects experience something akin to emotion, and may even possess empathy for their fellow bugs.

In one experiment, a colony of bees was subjected to a simulated badger attack (no, really) and then presented with two chemical scents: one designed to simulate food and attract the bees and another that typically repels them.

"Bees that had been shaken became pessimistic, glass-half-empty characters that were more likely to react to the nasty smell in the mixtures and recoil as opposed to being attracted to the yummy smell ... Unshaken bees on the other hand remained their more optimistic, glass-half-full selves," wrote Dr. Carla Clark.

In another study, researchers found calm woodlice influenced the behaviour of their neighbours, causing other woodlice to become relaxed. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

Feds soften up on bribery

ANTI-CORRUPTION

Ottawa makes changes to procurement rules, penalties

Ottawa has softened its anti-corruption rules, reducing the penalties for companies that are seeking government work after being convicted of bribery, money laundering and other offences.

Under the new procurement rules announced Friday, companies can still be barred from government contracts for 10 years if they have been convicted of such offences in the past three years.

But that ban can be cut in half if the company co-operates with authorities and takes remedial action.

Also, suppliers will no longer be automatically ineligible for government work because of the conduct of affiliates unless it can be demonstrated that the supplier had control over the convicted affiliate.

Canada's business lobby has been urging Ottawa to make changes to procurement rules it labelled as "draconian."

Public Works Canada says the new rules are fair, ensure due process and better align with international best practices.

SNC-Lavalin chief executive Robert Card has warned of the negative consequences for his company if the federal protocols used in awarding contracts weren't changed in light of the company's legal troubles. The company has been beefing up its compliance rules since improprieties surfaced three years ago.

The RCMP charged SNC-Lavalin and two of its subsidiaries with one count of fraud and one of corruption last February over its dealings in Libya.

The Montreal-based company has said it will plead not guilty to the charges but is willing to pay a fine for the alleged transgressions of former employees. The case will be back in court in October.

While the legal case remains outstanding, SNC-Lavalin has been part of various consortia that have won or been selected as preferred bidders for several federal contracts.

Analyst Maxim Sytchev of Dundee Capital Markets says SNC-Lavalin isn't "entirely out of the legal woods," but the shorter debarment times and reinstatement opportunities is positive for the company.

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Companies can still be barred from government contracts for 10 years if they have been convicted of bribery, money laundering or other offences in the past three years.

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Outgoing Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis is surrounded by media as he leaves after his resignation in Athens, Monday.
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Greece's future unclear after referendum 'No'

DEBT CRISIS

Finance minister resigns to ease negotiations

After yesterday's celebrations in the streets there's a danger of a rude awakening soon.
Germany's Vice Chancellor, Sigmar Gabriel

Despite triumphing in a popular vote against austerity, Greece on Monday faced the urgent need to heal its ties with European creditors and reach a financial rescue deal that might prevent it from falling out of the euro — possibly within days.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras won big in Sunday's referendum, in which 60 per cent of Greeks rejected the economic measures creditors had proposed in exchange for loans the country needs to remain afloat. He also received the rare backing of opposition parties to restart bailout negotiations.

But his bolstered mandate to push for better concessions from creditors hit the hard reality of the country's deteriorating finances, with the banks facing the risk of collapse within days unless a rescue deal is reached.

In a sign that he hopes to reach a deal as soon as possible, Tsipras appointed a new mild-mannered finance minister to lead talks with bailout creditors and replace Yanis Varoufakis, the hard-talking professor who clashed regularly with his European counterparts.

Euclid Tsakalotos, a 55-year-old economist, appears more willing to reach a compromise with creditors and will be tested as soon as Tuesday, when he will meet the other 18 eurozone finance ministers in Brussels.

That meeting is meant to seek the basis for a deal that European leaders, including Tsipras, might discuss at an emergency summit later in the day. Ahead of the summit, Tsipras spoke by phone with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Greece's financial situation is getting more difficult by the day. It had to close the banks last week to prevent their collapse in the face of a run, and imposed limits on cash withdrawals and transfers.

Greek banks remained closed Monday, with only a few branches opening for pensioners to receive emergency assistance. Louka Katseli, head of the Greek Bank Association, said she expected banks to remain closed for at least two more days.

The government is expected to extend the restrictions on withdrawals after the European Central Bank makes a decision later Monday on cash support for Greek banks.

The ECB has frozen the amount of credit it allows Greek banks to draw on, even though their cash requirements are growing as people rush to withdraw what money they can.

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COURTS

Cosby admitted giving drugs

Bill Cosby admitted in 2005 that he got Quaaludes with the intent of giving them to young women he wanted to have sex with, and that he gave the sedative to at least one woman and "other people," according to documents obtained Monday.

That woman and a second woman testified in the same case that they knowingly took Quaaludes from him, according to the unsealed documents.

The Associated Press had gone to court to compel the release of the documents from the deposition in a sexual-abuse lawsuit filed by former Temple University employee Andrea Constand — the first of a cascade of sexual-abuse lawsuits against him. Cosby's lawyers had objected on the grounds that it would embarrass their client.

Cosby settled that lawsuit under confidential terms in 2006. His lawyers in the Philadelphia case did not immediately return phone calls Monday. Constand consented to be identified but did not want to comment, her lawyer said Monday.

Cosby, 77, has been accused by more than two dozen women of sexual misconduct, including allegations by many that he drugged and raped them in incidents dating back more than four decades. Cosby has never been criminally charged, and most of the accusations are barred by statutes of limitations.

Bill Cosby performs at the Stand Up for Heroes event at New York's Madison Square Garden in November 2013.
JOHN MINCHILLO/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Cosby, giving sworn testimony in the lawsuit accusing him of sexual assaulting Constand at his home in Pennsylvania in 2005, said he got seven Quaalude prescriptions in the 1970s. The lawyer for Constand asked if he had kept the sedatives through the 1990s — after they were banned — but was frustrated by objections from Cosby's lawyer.

"When you got the Quaaludes, was it in your mind that you were going to use these Quaaludes for young women that you wanted to have sex with?" lawyer Dolores M. Troiani asked.

"Yes," Cosby answered on Sept. 29, 2005.

Cosby had fought The Associated Press' efforts to unseal the testimony, with his lawyer arguing the deposition could reveal details of Cosby's marriage, sex life and prescription drug use.

He said the public should not have access to what Cosby was forced to say as he answered questions under oath from the accuser's lawyer nearly a decade ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAQ

Malfunction bombs homes

An Iraqi fighter jet accidentally dropped a bomb over a Baghdad neighbourhood on Monday, killing at least 12 people on the ground, Iraqi officials said.

The plane — one of several Russian-made Sukhois used by Iraq in the fight against the Islamic State group — was returning to base when the accident happened.

Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim told The Associated Press that a technical failure caused the Sukhoi jet to drop the bomb, which hit a number of houses in the Iraqi capital's eastern neighbourhood of New Baghdad.

Three children and two women were among the 12 killed, a police officer at the scene and a medical official at a nearby hospital said. At least 25 people were wounded, the two officials added.

AP footage showed rescue teams in orange jumpsuits and blue helmets searching through the rubble for victims. At least one victim was seen wrapped with a blanket and being rushed to an ambulance.

Iraq is going through its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. The Islamic State group controls large swaths of the country's north and west following a blitz last year when the militants captured Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul and the majority of the western Anbar province.

Also Monday, separate attacks in and around Baghdad killed at least seven people.

The deadliest took place in Baghdad's southern suburb of Arab Jabour when a booby-trapped house exploded, killing three members of security forces and wounding nine, a police officer said.

In another attack, two soldiers were killed and five hurt when mortar rounds hit their base in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, the officer said. And two civilians were killed and six wounded in a bomb explosion at an outdoor market in the western Ghazaliyah neighbourhood.

Medical officials confirmed casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Boy dies after punishment for eating cake: Police
Police say a nine-year-old boy has died after he was allegedly handcuffed and beaten for eating a piece of birthday cake without permission.

The mother's boyfriend, 30-year-old Robert Wilson, was charged Wednesday with first-degree assault and child abuse.

It's not clear whose cake it was. The boy had had a birthday three days earlier. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sex on public beach nets prison sentence for man
A man convicted of having sex on a Florida beach in front of families was sentenced to 2-1/2 years in prison on Monday.

Jose Caballero, 40, and Elissa Alvarez, 21, were convicted in May of two counts of lewd and lascivious behaviour. They were videotaped having sex on a Manatee County beach last summer in broad daylight. Witnesses testified that a three-year-old girl saw them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Starbucks says it's hiking prices again beginning today with the increases ranging from 10 to 20 cents for affected brewed coffees and lattes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

COFFEE

Starbucks hikes drink prices

Starbucks Canada will raise prices on some of its beverage sizes by 10 to 20 cents starting today.

The coffee chain says the adjustments will only apply to 10 per cent of its drinks — and won't impact some of its most popular items.

Company spokeswoman Carly Suppa says the price hikes will vary by province.

She says a brewed coffee in a venti cup — the largest size at Canadian stores — will increase by 10 cents in some provinces.

Lattes in a grande or venti cup will go up by 20 cents, depending on the province.

Suppa says prices for these particular drinks haven't increased in a year-and-a-half to three years.

In the United States, Starbucks also announced separate price changes to some of its drinks.

The company says small and large coffees will each go up by 10 cents U.S. in most areas of the country.

The decision comes even as some other U.S. coffee sellers cut their prices because of declines in future prices for unroasted coffee beans.

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Crisis won't slow Greek imports

CANADIAN ECONOMY

Suppliers have stockpiles of the country's goods stored

Major Canadian importers of olive oil, sea salt, preserved vegetables and other delicacies from Greece say they've been stockpiling goods in their warehouses in anticipation that the economic turmoil overseas will get worse.

The Canadian companies say the economic crisis in Greece won't keep products off store shelves here for a while, but recent events make their preparations seem wise.

A referendum held on Sunday saw Greek citizens reject the idea of adopting more austerity measures in exchange for financial aid from the European Union. The debt-ridden country has closed its banks for six working days and imposed strict limits on cash withdrawals.

Greece's precarious financial situation may force it to abandon the euro and begin issuing its own currency.

Canadian businesses are keeping a close eye on the economic situation, but don't immediately seem to feel their bottom lines will require much extra scrutiny.

"Business as usual for us," said Miltiadis Antypas, president of Pilaros International Trading Inc. "The companies we're dealing with, most of them are multinational. They don't pay us, we pay them, so the situation is not changing for us."

The food products that companies such as Pilaros import to Canadian shores represent a significant piece of the Greek-Canadian trading relationship. According to 2014 figures posted on the country's Greek embassy website, Canada imported nearly $57 million in food products from Greece, more than double the second-largest import of base metal products.

In order to meet the demand, Antypas said his company's warehouses are currently filled with at least a five-month supply of goods such as olives and olive oil, sea salt and other products with a long shelf life.

Alex Alexakis, vice-president of Canadian operations at Krinos Foods, said his firm too has been stockpiling supplies.

"We're OK for a couple of months at least," Alexakis said.

Besieged by a prolonged recession, high unemployment and banks dangerously low on capital, Greece defaulted on repaying a loan to the International Monetary Fund last week, becoming the first developed state to do so.

Now some analysts wonder if Greece is so starved of cash that it could be forced to start issuing its own currency and become the first country to leave the 19-member eurozone.

Greece and its creditors, who will meet again today to discuss how to keep the country in the euro, remain far apart on key issues, particularly the notion of debt relief. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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> Miltiadis Antypas, Pilaros International Trading Inc.

AMAZON

'Prime Day' discounts mark 20th anniversary

Amazon is trying to lure more subscribers to its $99 Prime loyalty program by pushing a day of discounts it calls "Prime Day" during the sleepier summer shopping season.

The e-commerce retailer plans to offer thousands of deals on July 15 in the nine countries that have the Prime loyalty program, including the U.S., U.K., Spain, Japan, Italy, Germany, France, Canada and Austria.

The Seattle company says the promotion is pegged to its 20th anniversary, which is July 16. Amazon says there will be more deals on July 15 than on Black Friday, the busy shopping day after Thanksgiving.

Amazon doesn't release the number of Prime members it has, but Michael Pachter, an analyst at Wedbush Securities, estimates there are 35 million to 40 million.

"Black Friday is an event because it kicks off the holiday shopping season," he said. "I don't think an event in mid-July will have much impact, and view it as more of a test by Amazon during a slow period to see how a special Prime shopping day is received by its customers." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANK OF CANADA

Businesses divided on bank's outlook report

There is a divide in business confidence across the country as low oil prices weigh on the outlook for some regions more than others, according to the latest reading from the Bank of Canada.

The summer edition of the central bank's business outlook survey suggests businesses on the prairies expect sales to slow over the next 12 months as the oil price shock spreads across other sectors. However, the Bank of Canada says the story isn't the same across the country.

"On the other hand, domestic demand is strengthening in regions that are less exposed to the energy sector," the report said.

Overall, the survey said more firms reported sales growth accelerated over the last 12 months than those that saw growth slow, but the margin shrank compared with earlier surveys.

The central bank is expected to cut its expectations for growth in the second quarter following a pullback by the economy in April, but its plan for interest rates is less clear.

"With rate cut speculation heating up ahead of next week's policy announcement, the modest improvement and the upbeat tone for Central Canada and manufacturing slightly lower the odds of a move," said BMO senior economist Benjamin Reitzes.

A lower dollar is also affecting investment decisions as some businesses suggest they plan to restrain spending as a result of higher costs for imported equipment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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> Benjamin Reitzes, BMO senior economist

IN BRIEF

Beef prices rise as dry farming conditions persist

The cost of beef continues to climb to new highs as dry conditions affect Canada's cattle heartland.

According to data released by Statistics Canada, the price of 100 pounds of Alberta beef at slaughter rose to $192.80 in May — a 36 per cent jump from May 2014.

The high cattle prices have translated to soaring beef prices in stores, with ground beef costing $12.64 per kilogram.

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the big question

How often are bomb threats credible?

Pretty rarely. For example, of 1,055 U.S. school bomb incidents from 1990-2002, only 14 (1.3 per cent) saw threats beforehand. Risk management experts Frederick Calhoun and Stephen Weston identify two types of threat-makers, who rarely overlap. "Howlers," like those who called in a string of threats to airlines this week, inflict mostly inconvenience. A full-throated police response gives these miscreants exactly what they want: Attention. Dangerous, methodical "hunters," on the other hand, generally don't advertise their plans. That would include the Winnipeg mail bomber who badly injured one woman Friday and put residents on edge, leading to more (ultimately false) suspicious-package reports. Just one notorious group was known for courtesy calls before attacks — the IRA. But they would often call in a threat, set off an explosion, then detonate secondary bombs targeting first responders. METRO

'No' vote likely means no new transit investment

YOUR RIDE
Karen Quinn Fung

During the plebiscite voting period, my parents and I spoke exactly once about their thoughts on the vote, when I spotted their ballot in the mail. They told me they hoped the proposed 0.5 per cent regional sales tax increase didn't pass, but they couldn't be bothered to vote. I held my tongue, filled as I was to bursting with reasons and statistics.

I know they don't object to the idea of more transit. Like others, they feel like they already pay a lot for transit through the costs of driving. They've taken the bus and train before, and it didn't seem all that bad. And TransLink seemed so obviously problematic compared to other systems they've used.

It was all too easy for them to say "no" — "no" to paying more, "no" to change.

The glee of victory and the sting of defeat will last only as long as it takes for our region's transportation problems to touch us once more. Then, blame will be our only defence against helplessness.

So we've seen plenty of blame going around, in all directions. It's car culture and people who drive. It's baby boomers. It's people in suburbs who don't care, or can't see past their own bottom lines. It's out-of-touch mayors. It's our faraway provincial government or a premier playing politics. It's incompetent, pointy-headed bureaucrats and so-called experts who don't know how bad we already have it and refuse to do or suggest anything that would actually help.

Many will say their vote was against TransLink, or rejecting the sales tax. But as in all games of telephone known as voting processes, like it or not, these results will be used to justify no or little new investment in transit in Metro Vancouver unless you explicitly tell your MLAs otherwise.

Here's the ugly truth: We don't get to say "yes" to the things we like about growth and no to the parts that hurt. And our problems don't care whose fault we think it is. They'll just keep rearing their ugly heads in our everyday lives — for some, as minor inconveniences; for others, as life-defining limitations.

The problems of transit and our transportation systems are complicated, and effective solutions are often counterintuitive. Many actions that seem fair or helpful to drivers, like reducing transit investment, and building new, wider roads, have been tried elsewhere — with disastrous effects on quality of life and economic development. Many regions are only now starting to recover from those decisions.

We don't get to say 'yes' to the things we like about growth and no to the things that hurt.

If our provincial government isn't willing to learn from others' mistakes, and we don't hold them accountable for delivering a region that works in the ways we care about, then we'll get the region we deserve. Then growth will be the least of our worries.

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metroview

It's about time for Calgary to hold a #SafeStampede

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Calgary Stampede may have been established on rodeo, rides and beef-on-a-bun, but corporate-sanctioned caesars before noon can lead to a debauched 10-day bender for wannabe cowboys (regardless of gender) looking to blow off steam.

Most are respectful and jovial. But some men, instead of embodying Western hospitality, transform into dude-bros who feel entitled to disrespect or harass women. Catcalls. Ass-grabbing. Name-calling if you look less than pleased by these charming advances.

For those who question whether this is really a problem, I conducted a (very unscientific) survey of 10 female friends in their 20s and 30s, all of whom attend Stampede annually, before writing this column. Half of these women — HALF! — have been grabbed at over the years while walking through crowded party tents. The most recent incident occurred Friday at Cowboys, the club with the slogan "The most fun you can have with your boots on." A guy grabbed under a friend's skirt. I'm told he got a lecture.

I've had my butt grabbed at the Stampede twice. One time, it happened so quickly I couldn't pick the offender from the jeering herd; the other time, I was told I "overreacted" for telling the guy off.

So I tip my hat to the Calgary Stampede for jumping on the anti-sexual-harassment wagon. It's about time.

The city's top brass, including the Stampede CEO and Mayor Naheed Nenshi, quickly endorsed the #SafeStampede campaign, which was created by a group of women to encourage respect and share information about consent and sexual harassment.

Thanks for the leadership, folks. It sends a message to people attending one of Canada's largest events that harassment isn't condoned and that donning a plaid shirt and cowboy boots isn't a licence to make women feel unsafe.

Don't get me wrong, I love the Stampede (including line dancing at Cowboys after a few spiked lemonades) more than most. I return every year for the festivities even though I haven't hung my hat in Calgary for more than a decade.

But until this campaign snapped me to attention, I viewed the harassment as an irritating but inevitable part of the Stampede.

I hope this campaign will add to the culture shift away from victim-blaming and objectification. Whether it's #YesAllWomen, which highlights stories about everyday harassment, or Ontario's ongoing #WhoWillYouHelp initiative, our society seems to be more aware of sexist violence and harassment.

We don't have to be resigned to bad behaviour. It may be the Wild West, but adopting that mentality shouldn't mean accepting harassment.

Rosemary Westwood will return Wednesday.

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TRAINWRECK

Inside Amy Schumer star on her first film and fame

Richard Crouse
Metro | Life

Amy Schumer is having a fantastic year. The standup comic, television star and headline magnet is about to add movie star to her resumé.

Inside Amy Schumer, her Peabody Award-winning TV show, makes news every single week, whether it's tackling topics like high school rape culture in a Friday Night Lights takeoff or assembling a jury, à la 12 Angry Men, to debate whether Schumer is quote, hot enough, unquote, to be on television.

She's everywhere and soon she'll be on the big screen in Trainwreck, directed by comedy maestro Judd Apatow from a script by Schumer. In the most unconventional rom-com since Bridesmaids she stars as a young, promiscuous New York woman who drinks too much and finds true love despite doing everything to avoid it.

> **Because you do this work you feel proud of, I feel you're punished by having to dress up like a show poodle**
> Amy Schumer on fame

"To be me right now is very weird," she says. "It's weird, I feel like I am famous all of a sudden. I've been kind of recognizable but now it is very different and it is very new. It's overwhelming. It is a little scary. I'm on the subway and it's not like one or two people — it's like the whole car wants a picture. It's overwhelming.

"I never thought about being famous. That was never part of my thing, but once it was on the horizon as a possibility, it seemed like a real bummer. I could see there's no upside. The upside is I sometimes get free appetizers and I can get a reservation at a restaurant. I only go to one place in New York, it's a tea place, the Tea Cup, and they don't take reservations but I can make a reservation there. I swear I don't see another upside. It sucks."

As that last quote displays, Schumer's work is characterized by a lack of pretence.

"I like to get rid of artifice," she says. "I haven't gone to the bathroom in three days and I'm hungover and that's OK."

But these days she's more often than not very publicly on display.

Top, Amy Schumer with director Judd Apatow, left, and co-star Bill Hader on the set of Trainwreck, which she wrote. Bottom, Schumer in two scenes from Season 3 of Inside Amy Schumer, the finale of which airs tonight on Comedy Central. CONTRIBUTED

"It's very hard for me to be in hair and makeup all the time and clothes I don't feel comfortable in. Because you do this work you feel proud of, I feel you're punished by having to dress up like a show poodle."

Trainwreck is set in New York but not because it is the traditional home of the classic rom-coms, but because "I just don't know any other city," she says. "I am a creature of habit. I just like going to the Comedy Cellar and walking around the reservoir in Central Park."

She may be a creature of habit in her personal life, but has shaken up the formula for her first movie, although she balks at the suggestion that she switched the gender roles in the film.

> **If a guy doesn't call me back, it is a blow to the ego, but I'm not like, 'But... why? I have a great job'**
> Amy Schumer on gender roles in Trainwreck

"It was a complete surprise to me," she says. "There wasn't a thought of, 'I'm playing the male role.' It makes sense to me. I know in most movies it's not this way, but in my real life and in the lives of the women I'm close to and in this age, I've found that, as somebody who is still out there dating, that the men often times are the more vulnerable of the two and just more sensitive. Mostly about it being over. If you go out with someone once and you're just not feeling it, if a guy doesn't call me back it is a blow to the ego, but I'm not like, 'But ... why? I have a great job.'

"It's funny, I was watching The Bachelorette, I'm a fan. One of the guys was feeling rejected and he kind of turned on her. She didn't do anything to him but he was like, 'My ex-girlfriend was twice as hot as her.' I think the male ego is way more sensitive than the female ego. It was not a conscious decision to reverse the roles. That has really been my experience."

She says watching the final cut of the film and seeing the audience reaction at SXSW earlier this year "was the best night of my life so far."

"I'm already proud of the movie. The movie is already a success to me. My peers really like it and I got to give my friends work and they did great in it. Beyond that, I hope it changes the perspective of people who see it. I hope people are a little less likely to judge and women feel more empowered."

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Ballerina on Broadway

DIFFERENT STAGE

Misty Copeland to make debut in On the Town this summer

Ballerina Misty Copeland, who just became the first African-American woman to be a principal dancer at American Ballet Theatre, has another breakthrough planned — a debut on Broadway.

Producers of the high-energy revival of On the Town said Sunday that Copeland will join the show from Aug. 25 to Sept. 6, playing Miss Turnstiles, a love interest for one of three sailors enjoying a few hours of shore leave in 1940s New York.

"I don't know if I know what I'm in for. It's going to be a huge challenge for me. It's quite a departure from what I'm used to. But I love a challenge and I think it's going to help me grow as an artist," Copeland said.

The role requires both acting and singing, in addition to plenty of dancing, including a 15-minute ballet at the end. The role is currently filled by Megan Fairchild, a principal dancer at the prestigious New York City Ballet.

"I can carry a tune. We'll see what happens," she said. "I'm excited. I'm a Virgo and we're a little bit anal and we're definitely hard workers, so I'm going to put my all into this."

Copeland saw the show a few months ago with her boyfriend, knowing the offer of replacing Fairchild was on the table. "It's probably the best show I've ever seen, I think," she said. "I was just blown away."

The ballerina will play six performances during the eight-show week, including the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening shows, as well as the matinees on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Copeland has been named by Time magazine one of the most influential figures of 2015, and written both a children's book, Firebird, and a bestselling memoir, Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina. She's also performed in a music video with Prince and was featured in a hugely popular online ad for Under Armour sportswear.

> "That's always been my goal: to just bring more people into (dance)."

The dancer also has appeared as a guest host on the Fox show So You Think You Can Dance and was a presenter at this year's Tony Awards. Copeland, 32, said she relishes bringing dance to an audience in any form she can.

"Whether it's Broadway or ballet, that's always been my goal: to just bring more people into it," she said. "Because I think it's so special and I think the arts can do so much for a person, not just a child. It's completely changed and altered my life in so many amazing ways."

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Misty Copeland performs in Swan Lake in Australia in 2014. DARREN THOMAS/ABT VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE INDUSTRY

Why there's no new music today

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross

There is no new music on sale at your local record store today. There's nothing new on iTunes, either. In fact, there's no new music available pretty much anywhere in the world right now. But don't panic.

Releasing new music has always been chaotic. Once upon a time, albums came out ... whenever. Depending on the supply links to your record store and your geographic location, you might find a album on the shelves any day of the week. But this made compiling weekly sales charts difficult, so decades ago the industry decided to co-ordinate things.

If you're of — ahem — a certain age, you may remember lining up at a record store late on a Monday evening for the opportunity to buy a big album when the store reopened its doors at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. This is because Tuesday was the designated day for new music releases in North America.

But in Britain and France, that album had already been out for 24 hours as their appointed day for new music was Monday. Japan made people wait until Wednesday. And music fans in Germany, Australia and a host of other countries either had to wait until Friday or they had already seen the record the previous week.

Worldwide, music will henceforth be released at 12:01 a.m. local time on Fridays, which the industry hopes will boost sales. ISTOCK

This wasn't a big deal when physical releases ruled. But now that music files can whip around the planet in fractions of a second, a Monday release in the U.K. can have an impact on sales in other territories. This old regimented release schedule didn't make sense anymore.

That's why earlier this year, the 45 biggest music markets in the world — including Canada — agreed that as of Friday, July 10, new music will become available at 12:01 a.m. local time.

As this is the week when we make the transition, this is the first Tuesday in years with no new inventory for us to buy. While changing this new schedule isn't trivial (so many of the moving parts of the music industry and radio are geared to new music on Tuesdays), it's hoped that this will have a positive effect on sales.

The thinking is that releasing new material on Friday will encourage more customer traffic on the days when consumers spend the most, thereby boosting music sales. Some retailers disagree; they're afraid this will depress sales throughout the week.

The question is, in an era when everyone gets their music in so many different ways, will the public even notice?

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Prospect touted for his smarts

CANUCKS

Brisebois sees room to grow offensively from blue line

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

It's been almost two full weeks since Guillaume Brisebois became linked in the trade of Eddie Lack, the popular goalie whose personality and play on the ice made the deal controversial.

As the conversation inevitably takes a turn toward that direction, Brisebois, still only 17 years old, steers it back to his game and what he needs to improve on as a young defenceman and now a prospect in the Vancouver Canucks organization.

"I don't think (of the Lack trade) as pressure. I just need to develop physically and be more mature," he said Monday at Canucks' development camp.

On June 27, the second day of the draft, the Canucks traded Lack to the Carolina Hurricanes for the 66th overall pick and a seventh-round pick in 2016.

The Canucks landed Brisebois with that pick.

> **The fraction (of a second) you're thinking, it's too late. You have to go make the decision and you have to go with it.**
> Guillaume Brisebois

"The first thing when you watch him is his mobility is really good," said Benning.

"He's smart. He reads plays well, he boxes out and when he gets the puck on his stick, he can either skate it out of the zone or he's got his head up and he sees all the players and can make a good first pass."

He's only been playing on the blue line for a few short years.

Brisebois said he made the transition from forward to defence in his second year of bantam hockey.

According to Brisebois, his coaches at the time believed his ability to see the ice, in hockey lingo, would translate well on defence.

Brisebois also believes there is more offensive potential in his game.

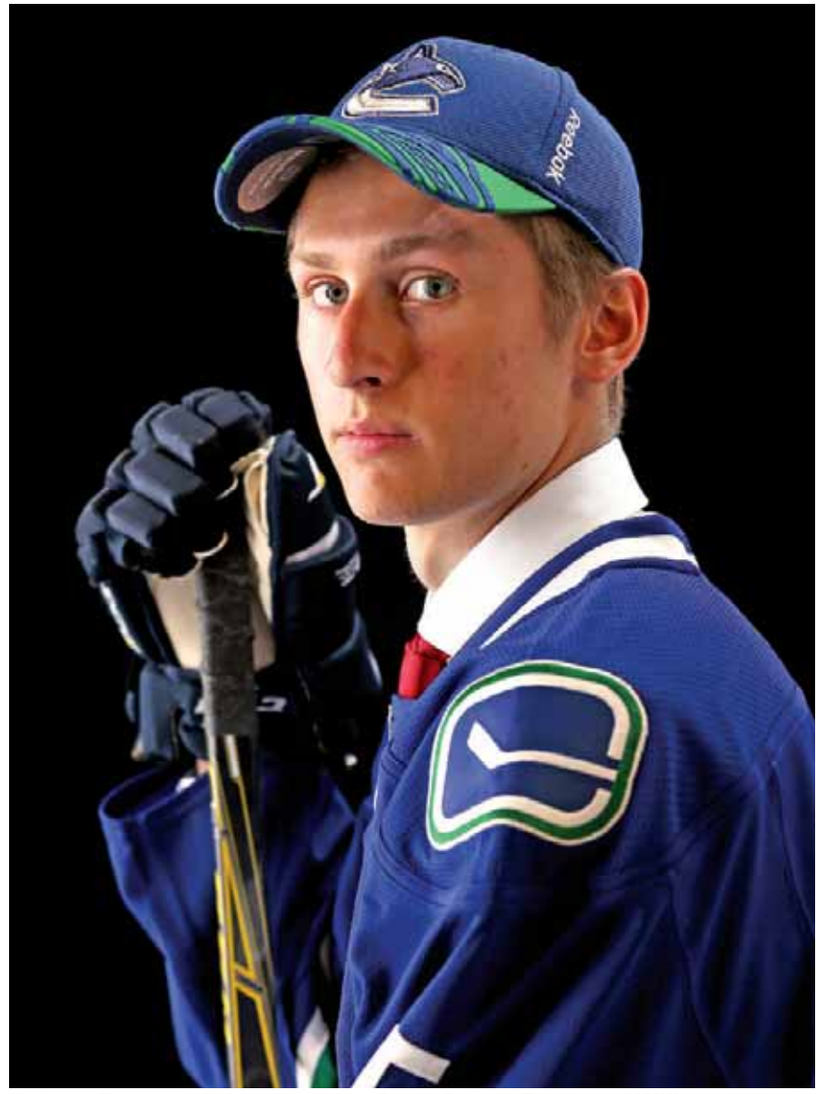
He scored four times and had 28 points in 63 games this season for the Acadie-Bathurst Titan.

On an individual level, his point production in his draft year saw a healthy increase compared to his rookie season.

A captain this season at just 17 years old, Brisebois wants to get more involved in the offence without hesitating.

"It's funny because ... you say, 'Think before you act' when you're on D, but actually you have to not think," he said.

"The fraction (of a second) you're thinking, it's too late. You have to go make the decision and you have to go with it."



Guillaume Brisebois, a defenceman for the Acadie-Bathurst Titan in the QMJHL, was drafted by the Canucks with the 66th pick in last month's draft . MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

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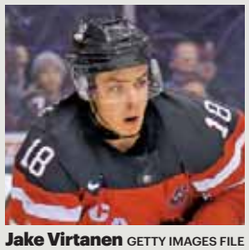

Jake Virtanen GETTY IMAGES FILE

Virtanen takes one on chin

Jake Virtanen, the sixth overall pick in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft, was sporting the remnants from a knock to the chin suffered during Monday's on-ice session.

Virtanen was checked out by the medical staff and kept out of the remainder of the skate as a precaution.

CFL

Willy could play days after big hit

It seems the Winnipeg Blue Bombers won't be missing their offensive catalyst.

Head coach Mike O'Shea told reporters Monday he believes quarterback Drew Willy will play Friday when the Bombers host the Montreal Alouettes.

Willy was knocked from Winnipeg's 52-26 home loss to Hamilton on Thursday night after taking a helmet-to-helmet hit.

He was listed as day-to-day but the 28-year-old resumed practising Monday with the starting offence and said afterwards he's experiencing no lingering affects from the injury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drew Willy JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL IN BRIEF

Oilers acquire goalie Nilsson in swap with 'Hawks

The Edmonton Oilers have acquired goaltender Anders Nilsson in a trade with the Chicago Blackhawks.

The 25-year-old Nilsson has a 9-9 record and a 3.05 goals-against average in 23 career NHL games with the New York Islanders. He played in the Kontinental Hockey League last season.

Nilsson was traded from New York to Chicago last October in the deal that sent blue-liner Nick Leddy to the Islanders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Canuck Matthias signs with Maple Leafs

The Toronto Maple Leafs signed centre Shawn Matthias to a one-year contract Monday. The 27-year-old native of Mississauga, Ont., had 18 goals and nine assists in 78 games last season with the Vancouver Canucks. Matthias was drafted by the Detroit Red Wings in the second round of the 2006 NHL Entry Draft.

He has 131 points (69-62) over 408 career regular-season games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Raptors lure home point guard Joseph

Canadian guard Cory Joseph has agreed to a contract with the Toronto Raptors.

The Pickering, Ont., native agreed to a four-year contract worth $30 million US, according to multiple media reports.

Deals can't become official until Thursday, when the NBA's free-agency moratorium ends.

The 23-year-old, who was taken 29th overall in the 2011 NBA draft, spent his first four NBA seasons with the San Antonio Spurs, helping them win the league title in 2014.

Joseph played in 79 games this past season with the Spurs, averaging 6.8 points, 2.4 rebounds and 2.4 assists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **#WeTheNorth here I come!!!!!**
> A tweet by Cory Joseph, @Cory_Joe

Pospisil empties the tank

WIMBLEDON

Vancouverite plays 6 hours Monday, moves on to quarters

After 10 sets of tennis and a pair of marathon rallies from two sets down, Vasek Pospisil is looking forward to a day off.

The Vancouver player was on the court for almost six hours Monday as he continued his impressive run at Wimbledon. Hours after coming back from two sets down to beat Viktor Troicki in the fourth round of the men's singles, Pospisil and doubles teammate Jack Sock staged another two-set comeback before ultimately falling to Australia's John Peers and Britain's Jamie Murray.

"It was a long day, for sure," Pospisil offered as an understatement to kick off his press conference after the doubles loss. "Pretty tired right now, but I have a day off tomorrow, so that's good."

He will need all the rest he can get, as his quarter-final opponent on Wednesday is No. 3 seed and 2013 Wimbledon champion Andy Murray. The Scotsman is bound to have a loud cheering section at the All England Club.

"Obviously I played a lot of tennis, but one day recovery is a lot," Pospisil said. "So I can sleep well tonight. Just have a full day of rest tomorrow. Do a lot of recovery ... then come out strong on Wednesday and take it to him."

Vasek Pospisil returns a shot to Viktor Troicki during their fourth-round singles match on Monday in London. The victorious Canadian will face 2013 Wimbledon champion Andy Murray in the quarter-final JUSTIN TALLIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The unseeded Canadian advanced to the men's quarter-finals after a 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 win over Troicki, the No. 22 seed from Serbia. The match took two hours 39 minutes, and that wasn't even his longest of the day.

"It was tough. I didn't have the start I wanted to have, and then ... I got unlucky a little bit in the (second set) tiebreaker there," Pospisil said. "I made a couple of good adjustments on my return games. And even being down two sets, it didn't faze me. I feel I'm pretty tough that way. Even if I'm down, I'm always finding ways to come back."

Murray has beaten Pospisil in hard-surface tournaments at Rotterdam and Indian Wells this season, but said he is expecting a tougher challenge from Pospisil on grass. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ADDITIONAL RESULTS

Serena bests sister Venus

Serena Williams extended her mastery over big sister Venus, and kept alive her bid for Grand Slam history.

In the 26th career meeting between the siblings, Serena dominated with her steady serve and big hitting from the back of the court to win 6-4, 6-3, extending her Grand Slam winning streak to 25 matches.

Also advancing to the quarter-finals was Roger Federer, who beat 20th-seeded Roberta Bautista Agut 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Tourney's presence felt online, in ratings

The numbers show the Women's World Cup was embraced at home and around the globe.

TV records were set on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.

Twitter says tweets about the soccer tournament were viewed nine billion times, with the U.S. dominating the conversation.

Sunday's final between the U.S. and Japan led the Twitter buzz with other U.S. games as well as tight knockout-round contests between Japan and England and Germany and France also drawing significant traffic.

The top six tournament players on Twitter were all from the U.S. team: Julie Johnston, Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan, Megan Rapinoe, Hope Solo and Abby Wambach.

20M

The number of Facebook interactions about the Women's World Cup

TSN says Sunday's final, won 5-2 by the U.S., averaged 2.1 million viewers according to preliminary figures — making it the most-watched Women's World Cup final for a Canadian audience. Some 7.7 million viewers tuned in at some point, with the average audience peaking at 2.8 million for the final minute of the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SOCCER

Pirlo makes move to MLS with NYCFC

Italian playmaker Andrea Pirlo joined Major League Soccer club New York City FC from Juventus on Monday, little more than a month after winning a fifth consecutive Serie A title.

Pirlo spent four years at Juventus after joining from Serie A rival AC Milan, and helped it to the Champions League final this year. Juventus lost to Barcelona, missing out on a treble after winning the Italian Cup and the league title.

"It's difficult to put what I feel into words, especially as it involves four such important years of my life," the 36-year-old Pirlo wrote on his official Twitter account. "I can only say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has accompanied and supported me in this adventure ... A heartfelt thanks to all of you."

Pirlo has won the Italian league six times, including in each of the past five seasons, as well as the Champions League twice. He also helped Italy to the World Cup title in 2006. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andrea Pirlo CLAUDIO VILLA/GETTY IMAGES

RECIPE Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes and Asiago Cheese

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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The juiciness of the roasted tomatoes adds flavour without using excess oil. This recipe serves six.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 3/4 cup red cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 3/4 cup yellow cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 8 oz whole wheat penne
- 3/4 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup dried basil

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Spray a 9" baking dish with vegetable spray.
2. Add tomatoes, olive oil, garlic and salt and pepper. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake for 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cook pasta in boiling water until still firm to the bite. Drain, place in serving bowl, and add tomato mixture with cheese and basil.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 250
- Carbohydrates 27g
- Fibre 5g
- Protein 13g
- Fat 9g
- Saturated Fat 3.5g
- Cholesterol 15mg
- Sodium 290mg

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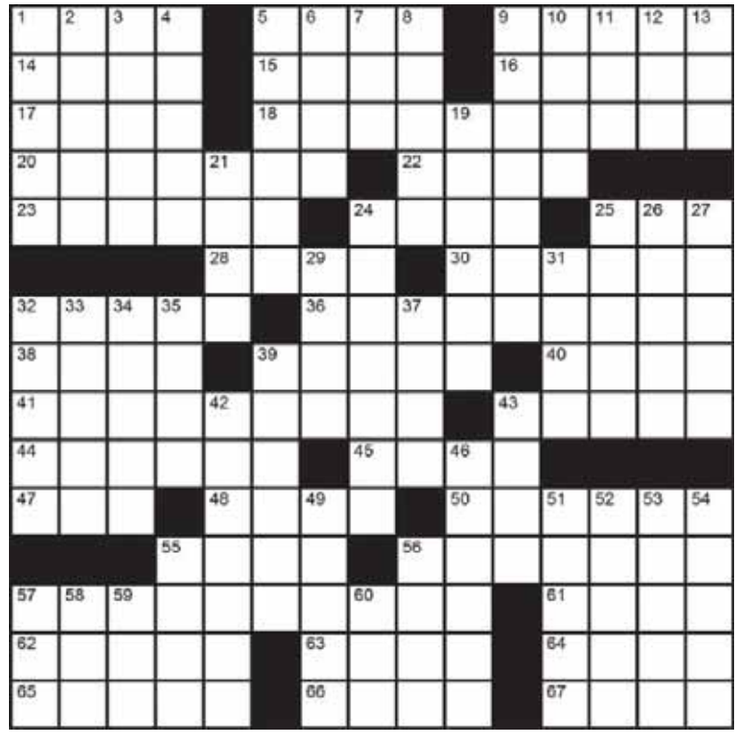
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. "Rio _" (1970) starring John Wayne
5. Scooby- and Ski-
9. Old Testament hymn
14. Thunderstruck
15. Carve in a name
16. Shakespearean tragedy, _ and Juliet
17. Look _ (Investigate)
18. School's formal meeting place
20. Investment goals
22. Cleave
23. Rehearsal: 2 wds.
24. First Nation of Manitoba
25. Palindromic honorific
28. Art for Jean Arp
30. Pilotless aircrafts
32. Receded, as tidewater
36. The famous 'waterspout' spider's size: 2 wds.
38. Carnivore's craving
39. Rocker David
40. Low-cal
41. Sailing: Twin-hulled boat
43. Valuable virtue
44. Father of Geometry of ancient Greece
45. Exited
47. Shakespearean suffix
48. Head's holder
50. Canuck coin
55. Wistful utterance
56. Young tree
57. Douglas Fir west of Pemberton, British Columbia, which at 1,000 years old, is amongst the oldest living trees in Canada: 2 wds.
61. The Kinks hit
62. Clunker
63. Scientist's solution holder
64. On the Serta, say
65. Castle bridges cross them
66. Uptight
67. Hobby shop items

DOWN
1. "Mission: Impossible" theme music composer Mr. Schifrin
2. '70s Spanish hit: "_ Tu"
3. "Thank You" songstress
4. Pretzels brand
5. Village in the Lower North Shore region of Quebec
6. Gradually diminish
7. Block' suffix
8. Rapper, _ Kim
9. Yalie
10. Pres. Obama's former title
11. Inuit craft
12. Accustom
13. Kitchen gadget
18. _-sized (Small)
22. "What _ _ to do?"
23. Gardening tool
24. _ leg (Pants part)
25. _-annonce (Movie trailer, in French)
26. Stair part
27. Univ. web address word, sometimes
28. Scholarly deg.
29. Luxe-living magazine, _ Report
30. "Not _ _ many words."
33. "Boy _ World" ('90s TV series)
34. Paddled
35. Restaurant chain, with Bell
36. All square
40. 'Lion' suffix
42. Opera singer Ms. Grist
43. Summer hrs. in Ottawa
44. Newfoundland: L'Anse aux Meadows historic people
45. U.S. tax bureau
48. Talent
49. Hankers
50. Had
51. Fidgety
52. "Yees!" opposite
55. Plant's beginning
56. Chooses
57. Dog training command
59. Assoc.
60. Buddy
61. Jeff Lynne's gr.
62. American airer since '71
63. French vineyard

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Loved ones may not have been supportive of late but don't worry about it — it does not mean they are turning against you. They have had so many worries of their own to contend with, that's all.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Life may be fun at the moment but you still need to tighten your belt and not waste money on things you don't really need. You may be expecting to come into some cash but don't spend it before it's arrived.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Try not to take anything too seriously today. With so many changes taking place in your world you need to make a conscious effort to stay calm and be flexible in your approach to life's little problems.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Mars in your sign gives you loads of energy, so if there is anything that needs doing get on it. When dealing with difficult people remember that some respond best to reason and some respond best to pressure

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't push yourself too hard today, even if you are behind in your workload. You will catch up with ease later in the month, so there is no need to worry.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your emotions are so powerful at the moment that every little thing seems like life and death, but a few days from now you will get a new and more positive perspective on life, so give yourself time and stop being such a diva.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a busy week for those born under the sign of the Scales, so pace yourself and be selective in your goals. If you throw yourself at every new challenge that comes your way your energy will soon disappear.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will soon get the chance to move up in the world but first you need to convince yourself that you are worthy of success. Believe in yourself and the world will too.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to get your feelings off your chest and let certain people know that you don't care in the slightest what they say or do or think about you. That might sound a bit extreme but it's the only approach they understand.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may have to endure one or two setbacks today but don't let them unsettle you. Above all, don't lose your temper with people whose support you are going to need.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
One-to-one relationships, both at home and at work, are going very well for you now and if you are smart you will make the most of it. In all situations you will know just what to say or do.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may need to shut yourself away from all possible distractions for a few hours today, especially if you want to finish a task that has been dragging. With Mars in your favour you can and you must get it done.

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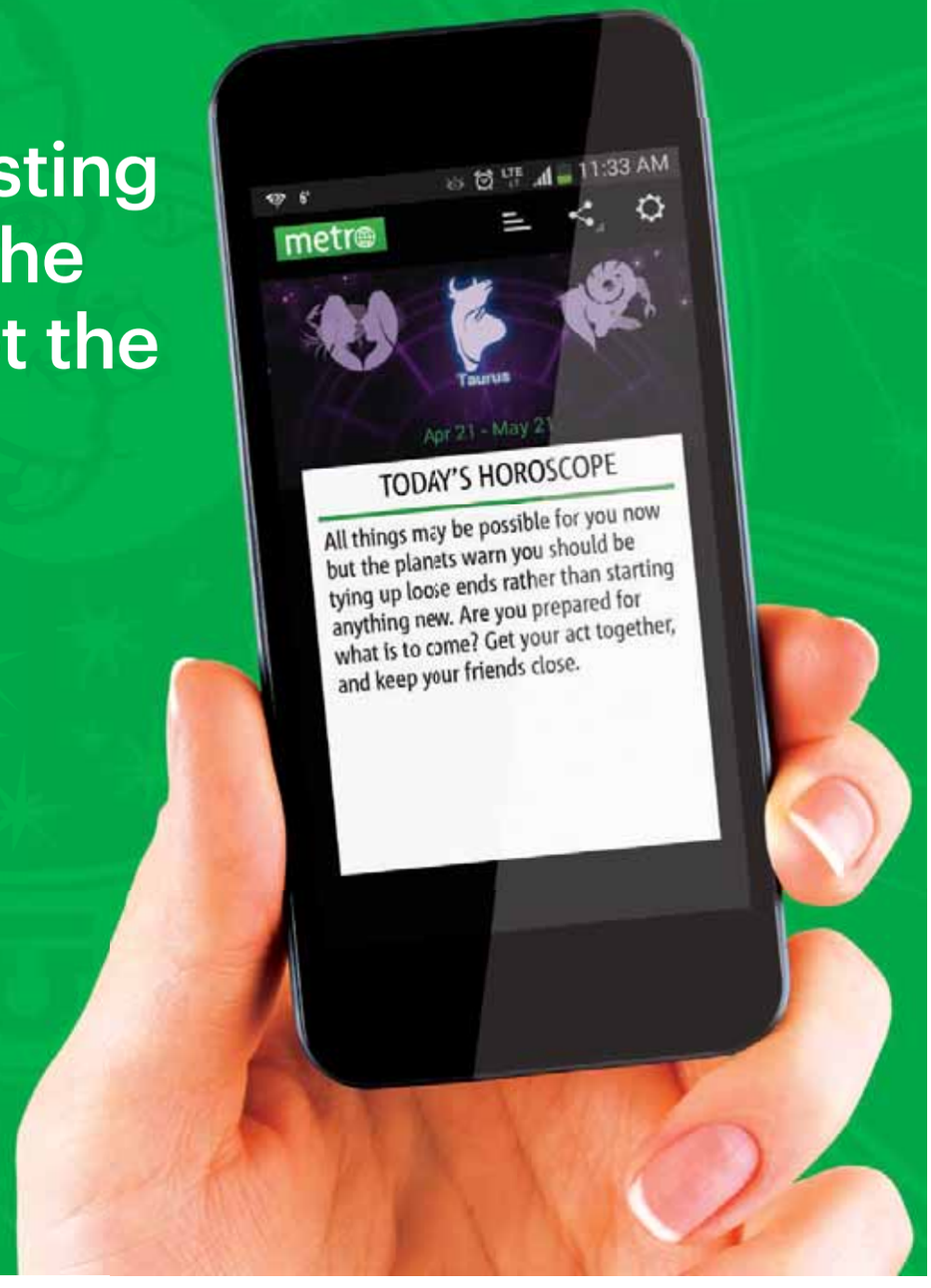
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